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SUBJECT: IRAQI UN MISSION ACQUISITION OF FIRE ARMS

1. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION AT A DINNER PARTY ON DECEMBER 9, FONMIN DG OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS QATTANI TOLD ME THAT THE REGULAR NUMBER-TWO POSITION IN THE IRAQI UN MISSION IS CURRENTLY VACANT. HE SAID THE SECOND RANKING MEMBER IS CURRENTLY AT-TAYYAR WHOM QATTANI DESCRIBED AS AN "INTELLIGENCE MAN WHO OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY". HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SHEIKLY KNEW AT-TAYYAR WAS AN INTELLIGENCE MAN BUT DID NOT ALWAYS KNOW THE DETAILS OF HIS ACTIVITIES.

2. QATTANI THOUGHT THAT AT-TAYYAR WAS A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MAN AND SAID HE WAS THE BROTHER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RAFIDAIN BANK.

3. I DID NOT MENTION THE ILLEGAL ARMS PURCHASES TO QATTANI AS THE STORY HAD NOT YET BECOME PUBLIC AND THE FONMIN HAD PROBABLY NOT AT THE TIME RECEIVED REPORT FROM SHEIKLY. WILEY

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